

ORIENTAL PHILOSOPHY AND COMPARATIVE RELIGION



1443 Q St., N. W.

SUBJECT OF LECTURE

SUNDAY EVENING

May 13th,
AT 8:15

"DIVINE
INSPIRATION"

WEDNESDAY
EVENING,

May 16th,
AT 8:15

"FIAT LUX"

"Though the mills of God grind slowly, Yet they grind exceeding small;
Though with patience He stands waiting, With exactness grinds He all."

This, in the words of the poet is Karma, that invisible and unrecognized law which adjusts each effect to its cause. Since no cause, however unimportant, fails to produce a corresponding effect, Karma is that law which apportions each effect to the corresponding cause from which it originated.

Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. Here is justice, absolute equity, which chastises and which recompenses with equal impartiality; it shows no favoritism, is affected by no prayer, however fervent; no intervention of a third person can modify one iota its action; and if we are suffering in this life pain and adversity, we must look within ourselves for the cause of these ills.

Do we find ourselves thrown with uncongenial persons, in our work, in our home? It is we who have bound ourselves in the past to those persons and conditions, by debts which we have made to them in some past existence, if not in this.

Love your enemies, this is the only path of freedom.

Are we poor, oppressed, despised, ridiculed, calumniated?

These conditions have come to us from a cause in our own past. For us it is to learn that cause, and to use the lessons, which these seemingly adverse conditions bring us, as stepping-stones in the upward path.

The great general is he who turns an apparent defeat into a brilliant victory.

Questions asked in the After-Talk:

Is not our knowledge of the doctrine of Reincarnation drawn from two sources, the illumination of the individual soul, and the instructions of the Masters?

If no power, not even that of God himself, can prevent the working out of a man's Karma, why did Christ say to the man "Thy sins be forgiven thee"?

Does not the light sometimes come when we are not seeking it?

Books may be borrowed from the Library upon payment of a small charge which goes to defray expenses and to buy new books.